

**The Definitive Southern Thailand
Guide to Studios, Shops and Special Places**

Art & Culture Phuket and Beyond

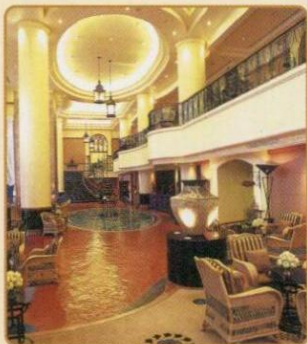
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by William Warren

The Culture of Thai Cuisine
by Lonely Planet author - Joe Cummings



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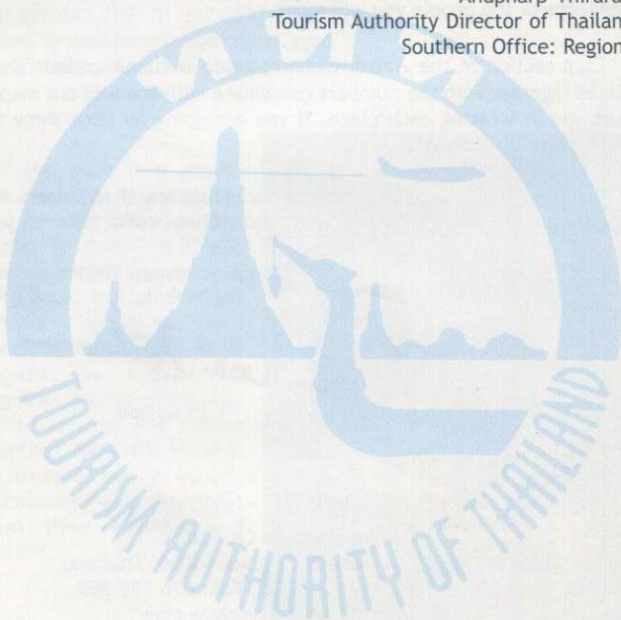
As part of the promotion of the vast culture, craft and art of Thailand, the Tourism Authority of Thailand is extremely pleased to participate in this exceptional guide.

The Art & Culture guide offers the viewer a powerful glimpse of ancient traditions in crafts and art that continue today as a basic way of life for many. In addition, contemporary artists bring new dimensions and concepts within their work.

Phuket has an abundance of quality shops, studios and special places for you to visit. In this comprehensive guide, they are easy to locate so you may browse and appreciate what each has to offer.

An entire history awaits you! Enjoy exploring.

Anupharb Thirarath
Tourism Authority Director of Thailand,
Southern Office: Region 4



Words From *Art & Culture*

For over two years, *Art & Culture - Phuket* - has proven to be the most trusted guide in suggesting some intriguing shops, studios and special places and the personalities behind them. We are pleased to be again expanding to include interesting areas beyond Phuket.

Art & Culture - Phuket and Beyond is designed to explore many of the fascinating points of interest off Phuket island and into the southern provinces.

As this publication continues to grow you will be amazed at the vast culture, products and special southern places that will be introduced to you. By example, in this issue, read about *CS Pattani Hotel* - a resort that takes every opportunity to promote its surroundings and cultural traditions of the area - and only a short flight away.

William Warren, author of many books including *Art and Crafts of Thailand* and *Lanna Style* and *Lonely Planet - Thailand* author, Joe Cummings are joined in their cultural commentary by *Andaman Style* author, Ping Amranand.

In addition to our Thailand distribution, we continue spreading our wings overseas. Great appreciation of art and culture lies in the skies with **Thai Airways**. Look for this publication at your favourite travel agency, Thai Airways and Tourism Authority of Thailand offices overseas.

Rent a car or hire a taxi - but plan to tour with this guide in hand, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the remarkable array available and the knowledge of the people you will meet.

Each section of the *Art & Culture* guide is colour coded. These colours together with the numbers coordinate with the fold out map to assist you in locating each place. If you are going by taxi, show the driver the addresses written in Thai.

We invite you to explore and meet the artists and shop owners who bring samples of Asia's creative talent and cultural collectibles to you.

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Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful New Year!

Sincerely,
The Art & Culture Team

Credits and Thanks

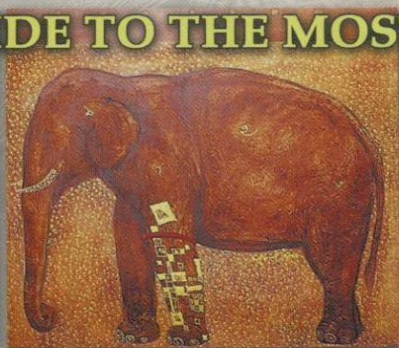
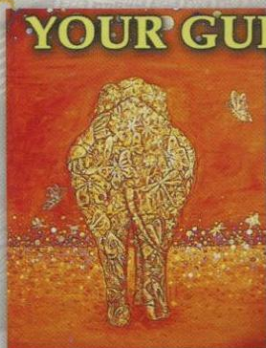
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Thai Treasures Passion Buys

**Elephants are
HOT**

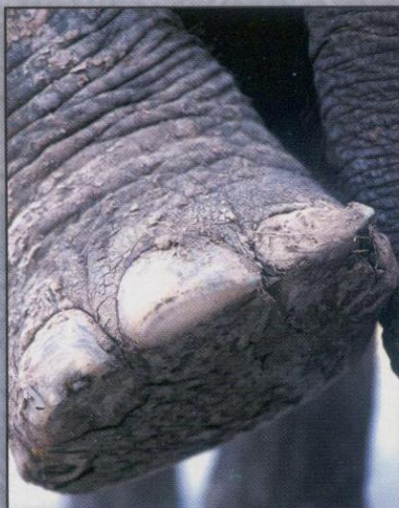


'In both physical and legendary form, the elephant has existed as long as the kingdom itself, an intricate part of the culture.'*

In paintings, photos, celadon and textile forms—all honour their legacy.

*Excerpts from
**The Elephant in
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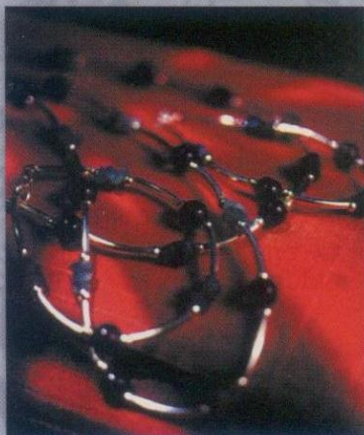


Elephants: Paintings: Sarasil Art Gallery; Photograph: Jane Iverson;
Celadon Elephants: Radsada Handmade; Vase: Oriental Fine Arts;
Textiles: Ban Boran Textiles; Frog: Ceramics of Phuket; Tea set:
Barang Barang Antiks; Jewelry: The Collection; Silver Container:
Junkseilon

FABULOUS FINDS AROUND



While **SHOPPING** in Phuket you are sure to find a grand selection of Asian vintage, antique and contemporary items for your home, office and gift-giving. Contemplate your purchases by taking time to relax and refresh at our recommended eateries or beauty boutique/gallery. Become a Master Chef and receive a certificate by enrolling at the suggested Thai Cooking Classes.



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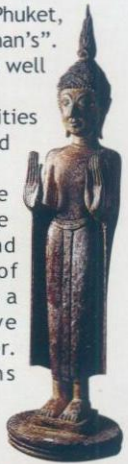
Chan's Antique & Art Co., Ltd.

26/3 Thepkasatree Rd. Khokaew. ถนนเทพกระษัตรี
Tel: 076 239 344, 01 891 4415, Fax: 076 239 346
Email: info@chans-antique.com, www.chans-antique.com
Mr Chan



Considered by most as the pioneer of the antique business in Phuket, Chan Sim, the managing director says, "visit Phuket - visit Chan's". Having been in the business for over fifteen years, this is a well established family enterprise.

Chan personally selects quality antiquities from Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand searching for the finest craftsmanship. Wooden, bronze, marble and stoneware Buddha images are featured with a large selection of laquerware, furniture and decorative art objects. A variety of replicated pieces are also available in a separate section of this expansive showroom. For your convenience, Mr. Chan can have your acquisitions professionally packed and shipped worldwide.





4 *Barang Barang Antik*

102/21-22 Bypass Road ถนนบายพาส

Tel: 076 261 157-8, 01 081 6862

Email: belindarevett@hotmail.com

Email: barang@loxinfo.co.th



The humble exterior of this shop camouflages its grand interior. Indonesian furniture, antiques, art, and home décor items has been the owner's obsession for many years. Ever-changing special pieces may include Balinese wooden doors, life-size puppets and old ikat and batiks. Reasonably priced, you will want to go back again and again. Located 2.5 kilometres north of Tesco.



5 *Watermark Bar Restaurant*

The Boat Lagoon Marina

22/1 Moo 2 Thepkasattri Rd ถนนเทพกระษัตรี

Tel / Fax: 076 239 730

Email: watermark@ocean-catering.com

Mr Stuart



Situated dockside at the Boat Lagoon marina, Watermark offers a truly unique atmosphere in a casual alfresco style setting. Overlooking some of the world's most luxurious yachts, patrons are treated to a distinctive menu featuring modern Australian cuisine and contemporary Thai fare. Boasting the island's most luscious cocktail menu, the bar also offers a refreshing selection of imported wines. The perfect setting for lunch, dinner or sunset cocktails. Happy Hour - Fridays 17.00 -19.00 hrs. Speciality - Sunday brunch & BBQ. Open 11.00hrs till late.

6 Phuket Creative Furniture

Living By Karma
99/36 Bypass Road ถนนบายพาส
Tel: 076 352 001, 01 597 3033
Email: PhuketCreative@hotmail.com
Ms Sawi



Contemporary meets traditional styling in furniture and home décor items. The all-Thai collection features quality wooden cabinets, garden ensembles and a variety of water hyacinth tables and chairs. As a perfect compliment for your home décor ideas, choose from an array of lamps, vases and unique hand-crafted

accessories. Phuket Creative Furniture will also create special pieces on site in their studio just for you. A professional team will discuss your ideas for that exceptional item for your home, office or garden, or you can choose from the many suggestions and samples on hand. Worldwide shipping arranged.





7 Anything

Tesco Lotus Phuket, เทศโลโก้ โดตัส ภูเก็ต
Home Pro section
Tel/Fax: 076 255 191, 01 787 2858
Ms Lynne

Refreshing, relaxing and luxurious describes the many Aroma Nasara's bathing and cleansing products produced by this company. You will find massage oils that include blends of sweet basil, jasmine or bergamot; cucumber and herbal cleansers and toners and coconut, lemongrass, eucalyptus or peppermint shower gels. Their array of vegetable based soaps are designed for all skin types. Other items - clothing and giftware complement nicely.



8 Radsada Handmade

29 Rasada Rd. ถนนรัชฎา
Tel: 076 355 439, 01 893 9014, Fax: 076 355 439
Email: suhandmade@hotmail.com
Ms Supaporn

Her father promised her that one day, with her degree in Fine Arts she could pursue her love of textiles with her own shop. A sizeable variety of textiles from Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Indonesia - old and new - are intermingled with diminutive spiritual figurines embedded in old wooden shadow boxes, bedcovers and an array of other treasures.





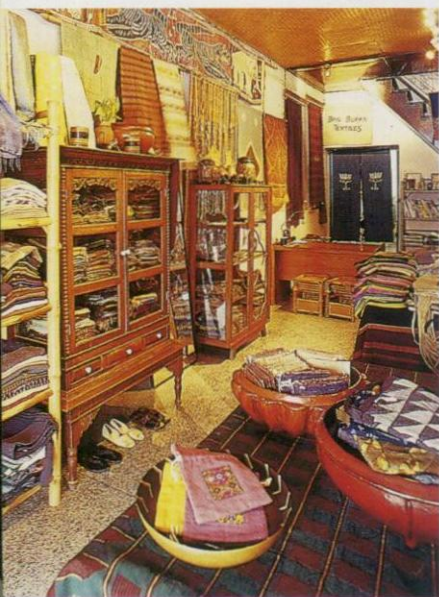
9 Phuket Reminder

85 Rasada Rd. ถนนรัชฎา
Tel: 076 213 765, Fax: 076 223 847
Email: thaicookingclass@hotmail.com
Ms Pat

Pat can tell you the history and region of most of her hand woven antique and new textiles. After working in California for 8 years, this Thai national returned to open her sought after souvenir shop, sixteen years ago. Coconut cutlery and an assortment of other items are also available.

10 Ban Boran Textiles

51 Yaowarat Rd. ถนนเยาวราช
Tel: 076 211 563, 01 693 1138
Fax: 076 258 249
Ms Wandee



This shop specialises in ready made, hand woven cotton clothing, jewellery, bags and other unique finds. Ever-changing and intriguing items of a tribal or rare quality originate from remote areas in Thailand and many surrounding countries. An eclectic collection and knowledgeable assistance. Open 10.30 - 18.30 hrs. Closed Sunday.



11 Salvatore's Restaurant

15 Rasada Rd. ถนนรัชฎา

Tel/Fax: 076 225 958

Email: salvatore@phuketinternet.co.th

Mr Salvatore

In Italy, love of food and wine is synonymous with life itself. 'I wanted a great Italian cuisine that could be enjoyed without being pretentious', says Chef /owner, Salvatore. In keeping with tradition, Salvatore believes he has created the perfect marriage of great food and fine wine. Back to a simpler, rustic era, he uses only the finest ingredients lending character and uniqueness to his dishes. Chef Salvatore thinks that the Italian cuisine and fun atmosphere of Thailand is a perfect match for Phuket Town. Open for lunch and dinner. Reservations suggested. Open seven days a week in this no smoking restaurant

12 Her & Him

92 Phang Nga Rd., ถนนพังงา

Tel/fax: 076 216 230,

01 476 1327

www.phuketdir.com/herhim

Mr Cholor

For 30 years, Mr. Cholor has dedicated himself to the art of ladies and gentlemen's custom tailoring in Phuket. He is the second generation of tailors from a long family history in the Phuket garment business. He has established a worldwide clientele and has tailored for celebrities. Call for free transportation from your Hotel.





13 Touch Wood

14 Rasada Rd. ถนนรัชฎา

Tel: 076 256 407, Tel/Fax: 076 256 101

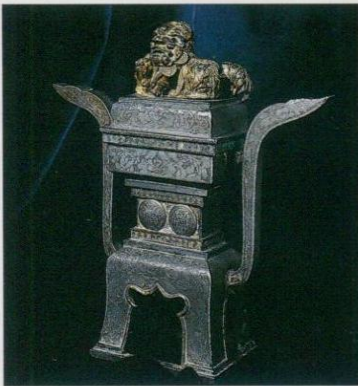
101 Bypass Rd (3 km north of Tesco) ถนนบายพาส

Tel/Fax: 076 261 141-2

Email: amono@loxinfo.co.th www.touchwood-furniture.net

Mr William

Initially started as a hobby in 1996, William travels afar collecting a diverse selection. Colonial Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco and Asian furniture, old and new made mostly from teak wood, stands imposingly alongside a wide assortment of home décor items, brass ornaments and carved wooden crafts.



14 Antique Arts

68 Phang Nga Rd ถนนพังงา

Tel: 076 213 989, Fax: 076 223 350,

Email: antiqueartphuket@yahoo.com

Ms Tik

Established in 1980, this shop remains a Phuket family affair. Curios, Chinese ceramics, bronze ware, snuff bottles; silverware, jade carving, antique furniture from the 19th Century and rare antiques nestle together. While Ms Tik is manager of the operation, her father and brother are painters of traditional Thai style. Their work can be seen on the walls among the many treasures collected from within China and also locally.

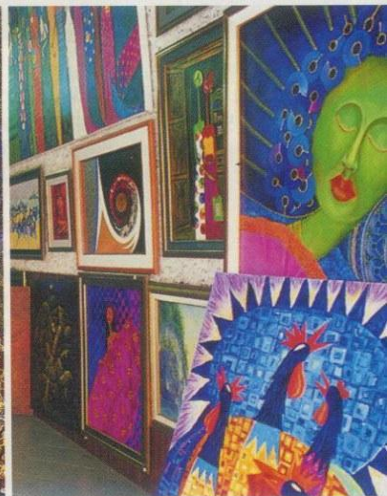


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Her & Him 33

58/10-11 Bangkok Rd. ถนนบางกอก
Tel: 076 221 054 -5, Fax: 076 221 055
www.phuketdir.com/herhim
Mr Prajuab

As one of the oldest tailoring families in Phuket Town, custom-made clothing in fine fabrics is available. Mr Prajuab, having won awards for his tailoring, established the shop in Phuket in 1965. He services see many international clients, including celebrities in the shop. As the name suggests, both men and women's fashions are created from your ideas or their designs. Call for transportation or consultations at your hotel.



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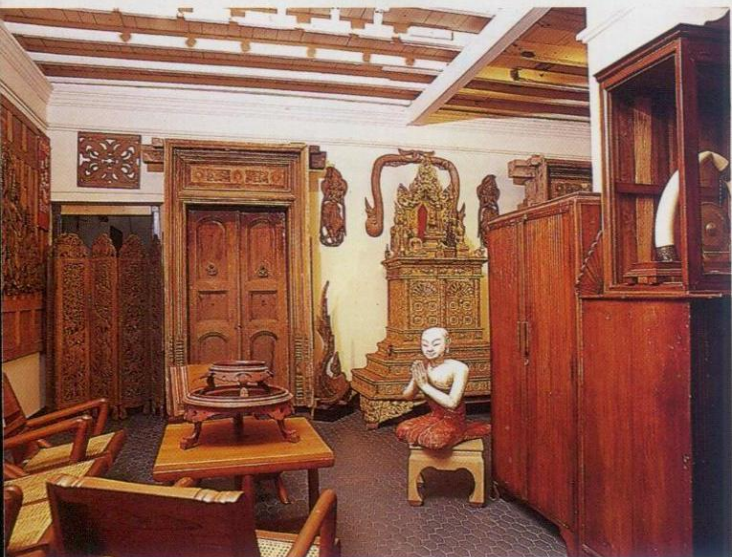
Sarasil Art Gallery

121 Phang Nga Rd. ถนนพังงา
Tel / Fax: 076 224 532
Email: sarasil2000@yahoo.com
Mr Aree and Mr Somkiat

An array of original work by five Thai artists is housed in this gallery. Realistic rural scenes to surrealistic dreamworks created in oils, acrylic and mixed media showcase the artistic talent of this nation.

17 Tommy Vintage and Collectible

112-114 Thalang Rd. ถนนตลาด
Tel: 076 258 150-1, 01 530 5120, Fax: 076 258 151
E-mail : tommy@tommyvintage.com
http://www.tommyvintage.com
Mr Tommy



This new venture is housed in two shop houses on historical Thalang Road. Being well traveled, Tommy and his family are great collectors. In fact, Tommy's vintage and new-to-you watch fetish has been credited as the largest vintage selection in southern Thailand. Complimenting this finery is collectable Asian furniture, mostly antique, and modern woodcarvings. Buying, selling and trading are all part of the intrigue at Tommy's.



Perfection Beauty Boutique and Gallery

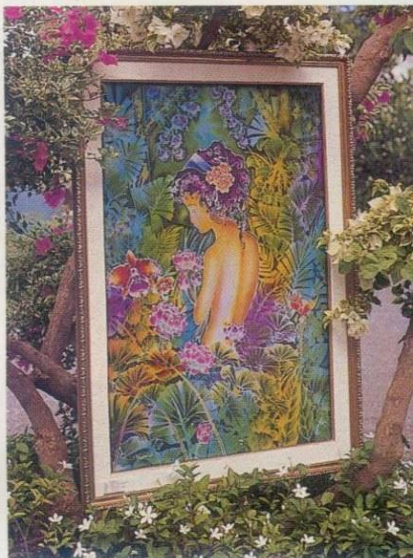
1/10 Moo 1, Soi Songkhun, Chaofa Rd., ซอยทรงคุณ ถนนเจ้าฟ้า

Tel: 076 264 295, 01 979 8671, Fax: 076 282 237

Email: perphuket@yahoo.com, www.perfectionphuket.com

Ms Natthawan

While you are being pampered with a blissful massage and herbal steam sauna, enjoy the relaxing atmosphere that is pleasantly enhanced by the aroma of essential oils and the creativity of local artists. More than fifty batik, watercolour and oil paintings are exhibited throughout this serene center.



Kata Beach

Siam Silk & Works of Art

112/8 Soi Taina - Kata Center Rd. กะตะเซ็นเตอร์

3/72 Patak Rd - opposite Kata Thani Hotel, Kata Noi Beach

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Email: siamsilk@far-away.net, www.far-away.net/siamsilk

Mr Wolfgang

Decorated with love and care, you will immediately feel comfortable surrounded by textiles, handicrafts and soothing aromas. The Karen hill tribes in Northern Thailand craft the selection of sumptuous silk wall hangings, shawls and accessories. Other items include citronella candles, Angkor art sandstone sculptures and hand-woven yaan lipao (a fine fern) handbags. Distinctively designed mirrors, lamps, bowls and vases complement the décor at their two locations.

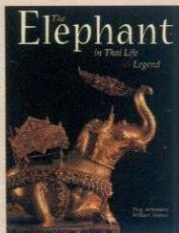




Cultural Traditions & Contemporary Ideas

Elephants

In both physical and legendary form, the elephant has existed as long as the kingdom itself, an intricate part of the culture long before the first written Thai inscriptions were composed.



On one level, it has inspired Thai proverbs (such as a famous, controversial one comparing the role of women to the elephant's hind legs and another, less well known, that asserts "When inspecting an elephant, examine its tail; when inspecting your future wife, examine her mother") and given rise to superstitions (the belief that walking under an elephant brings good luck and, in the case of a pregnant woman, an easy delivery).

The elephant's most outstanding feature, both visually and in the uses to which it is put, is its long, flexible, extremely sensitive trunk, which ends in one or two 'fingers.' The tip of the trunk, the most sensitive part, is the source of the elephant's keen sense of smell, as well as the means by which it 'speaks' in a wide range of sounds to signal fear, rage, pain, pleasure, and, some think, affection.



Elephant toe-nails, shaped like pears, are dark-colored at birth and almost creamy-white later. In ancient times, the number of nails was an important factor in evaluating an animal, and any with twenty nails, five on each foot, were said to be reserved for royal use.



Excerpts from
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 by **Ping Amranand** and **William Warren**,
 Editorial Advisor: **Paothong Thongchua**

PING Amranand

CELEBRATING THAI STYLE: Festivals of Thailand and L'Elephant
 A Photography and Cultural Exhibition of Jane's work in aid of
 the *Elephant Help* project will be held at the Dusit Laguna
 Resort in Phuket from 24 January to 07 February, 2003. For
 details, contact Public Relations Department at 076 324 174.

Photos by Jane Iverson



21 The Courtyard

90/5 Moo 2 Chao Fa Road West, Phuket Town

เดอะ คอร์ทยาร์ด อาร์ท เดคคอร์ต & เฟอ์นิชชิง ถนนเจ้าฟ้าตะวันตก

Tel: 076 264 486, Fax: 076 264 483

Email: inbred-dp@thecourtyard-phuket.com

Ms Chapanan

As Phuket's only integrated shopping destination, The Courtyard brings together local, national and international styles. Retailers specialize in all aspects of quality home décor, furnishings, antiques and gift items. Browse leisurely and relax in the cafés and wine bars while contemplating your selection.

The Courtyard



22 The Asian Gallery

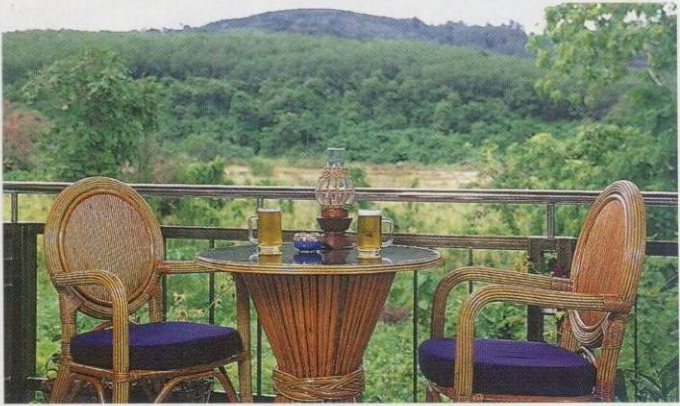
1st Floor, The Courtyard 90/5 Moo 2 Chao Fa Road West

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Mrs Rotcharay

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23 Legends Bar

2nd Floor, The Courtyard 90/5 Moo 2 Chao Fa Road West

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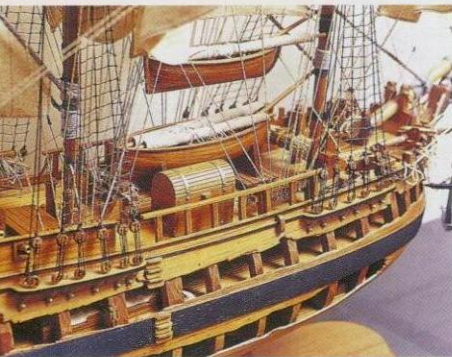
Tel: 076 264 452, 01 079 4655

batavialink@thecourtyard-phuket.com

Ms Liz and Ms Lynne

Refresh yourself in the intimate surroundings of vibrant colours and famous faces. Experience a Legends Classic cocktail or your favourite tippie. Tempt your taste buds with a toastie or traditional Thai dishes. Tune into legendary music and a classic film or chill out with the spectacular mountain view from their sunset terrace.

Areas available for both smoking and non-smoking.



Mr. Boatman



24 Mr. Boatman

2nd Floor, The Courtyard 90/5 Moo 2 Chao Fa Road West

เดอะ คอร์ทยาร์ด อาร์ท เดคคอร์ต & เฟอ์นิชซิง ถนนเจ้าฟ้าตะวันตก

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Mr Anan's family, having been in the boat building and seafood business for generations, accounts for his natural talent for ship model-making. Offered in three various sizes, any vessel from the historic *Bounty* to custom orders of your new yacht will be meticulously constructed down to the last detail.

Packing and shipping in wooden crates is provided.

Antiques, Silver, Old Maps & Prints

2nd Floor, The Courtyard 90/5 Moo 2 Chao Fa Road West

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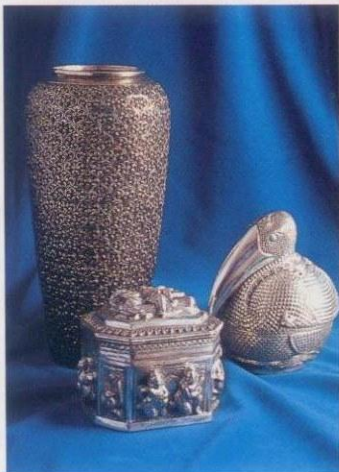
Tel.: 076 264 477, 09 668 3639, Fax: 076 264 487

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Ms Somporn (Zhu)

Junkseilon, the ancient European seafarer's name for the island of Phuket, offers a wide range of South-east Asian antiques, rare furniture, old and new high quality silver repoussé décor items. Moreover, genuine antiquarian maps and prints of Siam and Asia are housed exclusively at this Phuket location and are a must see.

By Appointment, please call 09 668 3635 or 09 668 3639.



▲ Handmade silver:
Vase with floral design, Burma;
Repoussé octagonal box, Burma;
Betel-nut container in Pelican shape,
Cambodia.

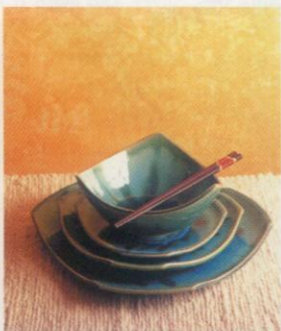
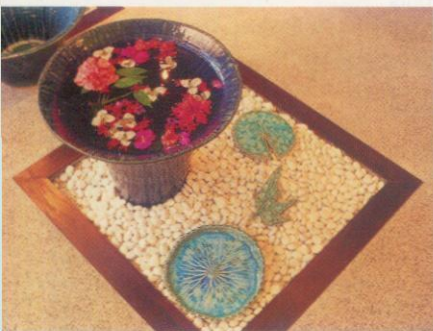
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▲ 3 golden statues - Rare Standing Monks
holding alms bowl; wood, lacquered and
gold-gilded with glass inlay, 18th Century, Ava
Period, Burma

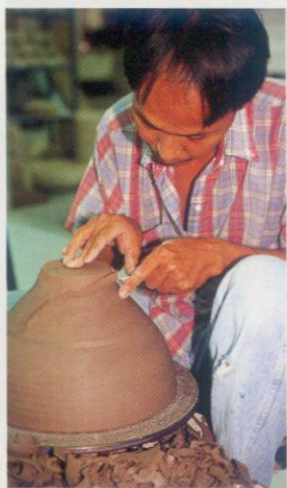
Ancient Maps of South East Asia and Siam ▼





26 Ceramics of Phuket

71/3 Vichitsongkram Rd. Kathu ถนนวิชิตสงคราม กระทุ้
 Tel: 076 321 917, Fax: 076 202 087
 185/6-7 Moo 7 Srisoontorn Rd, Talang ถนนศรีสุนทร ถลาง
 Tel: 076 272 151-2, Fax: 076 272 998, 076 273 029
 Authorized dealer "The Gallery"
 The Courtyard 90/5 M.2, Chao Fa Rd. West
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Designing and creating contemporary and functional ceramics is the sisters' forte, while other family members assist in the business of exporting, wholesaling and retailing the endless array of items. A true Phuket family company. This innovative studio reflects an artistic flair at every turn. Unique native clay is spun into bowls, cups, place-settings and serene shapes in its natural tin tone. Imaginative blends of colour and texture are added, capturing the timeless beauty of the stoneware. Memorable touches of the Andaman Sea hues of emerald green and blue are seen in many of the original pieces while the fresh tones of the coral reef are delightfully combined in others. All ceramics are made on site.



27 The Collection

Baan Rim Pa Restaurant
223 Kalim Rd. ถนนกะหลิม
Tel: 076 344 079, Fax: 076 342 460

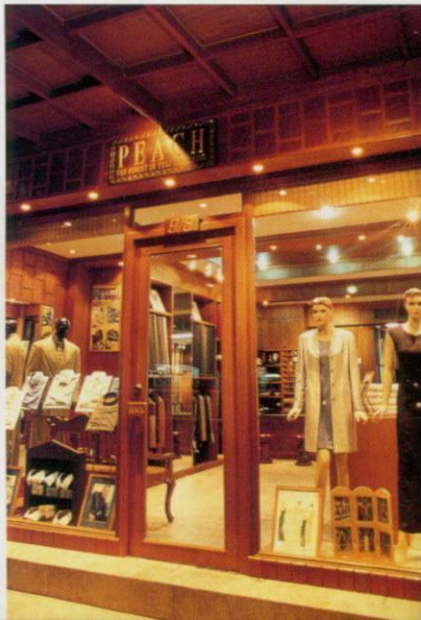
At the entrance to the famous Baan Rim Pa restaurant you'll find an elegant boutique offering a selection of hand woven rugs, cushions, silk and cotton fabrics, scarves, bags, exquisite costume jewellery, candles, oils and many other hand made treasures from Thailand.

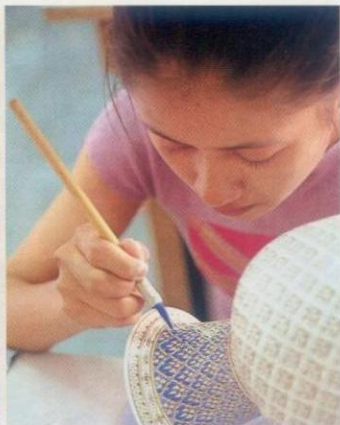
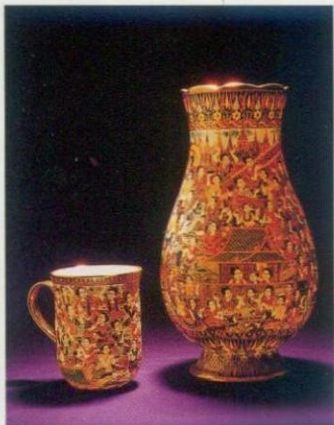


28 Peach - The Thai Tailor

9/8 Prachanukhro Rd. ถนนประชาชนอุเคราะห์
Tel: 076 345 614, 01 892 4126, Fax: 076 340 762
peachtailor@hotmail.com
www.peachtailor.com
Mr Jaroon

Personal service and friendly advice with no pressure is only the beginning of the excellent experience you will have while being fitted with impeccably tailored clothing. Mr. Jaroon and his family have over 30 years experience as Phuket tailors, yet their designs for men's shirts, trousers and jackets, and ladies daywear and evening wear are assuredly the latest in European styles. Please call for free transportation.





29 Siam Ceramic Handmade

86 Patong Beach Rd. and 104/18 Soi Post Office, Thaweewong Rd.

ถนนหน้าหาดป่าตอง และ ซอยไปรษณีย์ ถนนทวิวงศ์

Tel: 076 345 181, Fax: 076 345 103

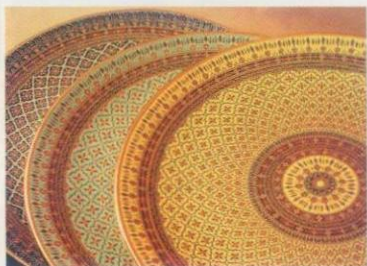
Email: info@thaibenjarong.com

www.thaibenjarong.com

Mr Namchai, Mrs Aritsara

You may be inclined to walk by this flashy gallery, but if you take a closer look, you will be pleasantly surprised. What appears to be contemporary chinaware is in fact Thailand's own traditional hand-painted Benjarong Porcelain.

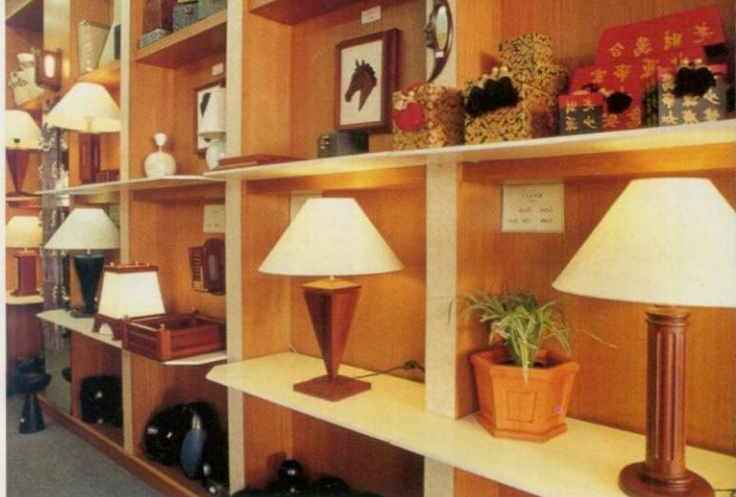
Benjarong, also called '5 colour style', dates back to the Ming Dynasty of China. For hundreds



of years Benjarong was exclusively made for Thai royalty. The traditional intricate decorative designs covering the entire surface are floral motifs, cultural symbols and festivals. Years of apprenticeship were required of the most gifted artists to be able to produce a worthy piece for the king. Siam Ceramic Handmade has gathered the finest artisans using techniques developed in the 18th century to produce the

finest museum collectable quality.

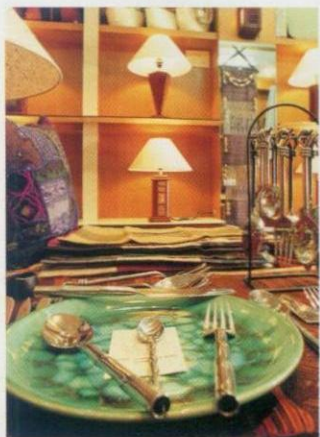




30 Rosewood Lamps and Seeka

122/9 Soi Patong Beach Hotel,
Tel: 076 344 376, 01 883 9983
Lampang Factory 054 269265
www.kirinakorn.com
Mr New (Jakrapop)

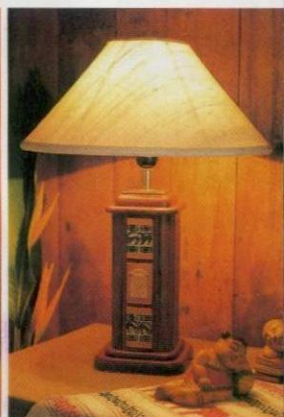
ซอยโรงแรมป่าตองบีชรีสอร์ท

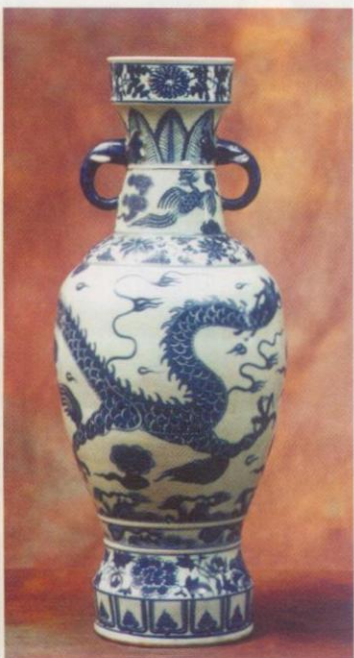


Rosewood is one of the strongest and most beautiful of woods. Supplied directly from the family factory, the lamps have retained the beauty of



the wood in simply elegant styles. Complimented by a superb array of Asian handicrafts, textiles and home décor items, you will want to also visit the 2nd floor. World wide shipping can be arranged, or your treasures can be packed for your flight.





31 Tung Thong Antiques

124/ 16-20 Soi Patong Beach Hotel, Thaweewong Rd.

ซอยโรงแรมป่าตองบีชรีสอร์ท ถนนทวิวงศ์

Tel: 076 344 663, Fax: 076 344 661

Mr Pramot



This family antique business is three generations old having its origins in Chiang Mai. It is said that Mr Pramot's grandfather has the largest single collection of old ceramics which at one time consisted of over 5,000 pieces. Many of the relics, discovered in post war digs are sought after by museums worldwide. The finds come from Cambodia, Burma, China and rural Thailand and are documented in several publications.





32 Naka Flavor's Restaurant

6/23 Moo6 T. Kamala, Patong Beach หาดป่าตอง
 Tel Fax: 076 345 703, 01 979 2082
 Email: nakaflavors@yahoo.com
 Ms Kathy and Mr Arkom

Kathy and Arkom from *The Wall* have reopened at a new location in Kamala, Patong Beach area. In addition to Arkom's original menu that tastefully combines exotic Asian and French flavors, the flambé specialities at the table are a definite highlight.

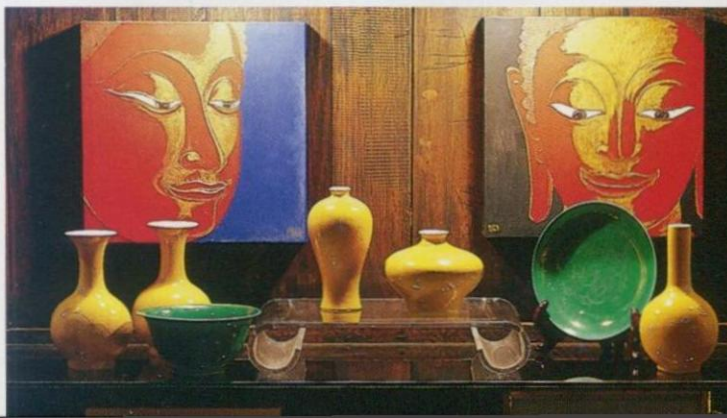
This magical hillside setting overlooking the Andaman is open from 11.00 am to midnight. Reservations recommended.

Surin / Pansea Beach

33 The Chedi Boutique

Pansea Beach, หาดพันจี
 118 Moo 3, Choeng Talay, Talang
 Tel: 076 324 017, Fax: 076 324 252
 Email: hotel@chedi-phuket.com,
 www.ghmhotels.com
 Ms Ampa, Boutique Supervisor

The newly renovated Chedi Boutique, located in the lobby of the legendary Chedi Hotel (next to the Amanpuri), presents an exquisite array of Asian arts and crafts. Originating from Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia and China, the collection includes hilltribe jewelry, textiles, paintings, antiques and rare art objects.



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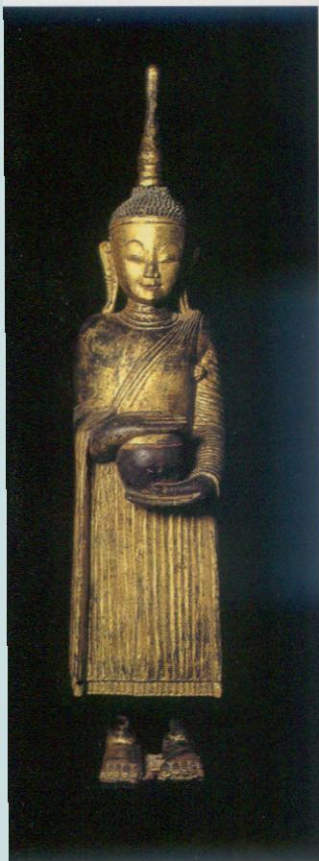
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Mr Charoen

Some of the best treasures of the Orient can be found in this recently opened gallery and shop. The owner travels constantly throughout Asia sourcing the



finest antiques and heritage pieces. Classic Chinese furniture offers timeless elegance while the terracotta sculptures unearthed from Han, Tang and Ming Dynasty palaces present distinctive aspects of cultural history. The range of this shop's selection includes also Laos and Thai Buddha images of bronze and alabaster and religious icons from Burma and Cambodia. Worldwide shipping service is available.



Phuket 's Sino Portuguese Past

A private journey into Phuket's past begins with a walk down Thalang Road. It was here at the turn of the century that the Chinese merchants pursued their business before withdrawing into their ornate homes for the evening.

Over 200 years ago Hokkien Chinese immigrants began arriving in Phuket. Most were following new opportunities. Tin mining was the business in Penang Malaysia and Phuket that attracted these hard working people. Phuket was an important trade center for Indian, Malay, Arab and European traders who exchanged goods from the rest of the world for the tin and rubber. The British colonialist, Francis Light, in the 1700's, had made Penang the first of the British Straits Settlement. He married a local Thai girl and tried unsuccessfully to bring Phuket into the colonial fold.



Land leases were granted to many of the Chinese in Phuket and fortunes were made. It is estimated that by the early 1900's over 30,000 Chinese were working in the Phuket mines and as merchants.

To display their newfound wealth, large mansions were built blending Chinese and European architectural styles. It is more commonly known as Sino Portuguese style as the Portuguese were amongst the first successful European traders in the region.

All the houses are typically long and narrow. Carved teak louvers on the windows and wooden inlaid doors marking Chinese characteristics are combined with European designs of Corinthian columns or Doric decoration. Chinese writing above the door showcases the owner's family name. In the center of the expansive narrow homes an open-air garden, which adds natural light and beauty, also circulates a cooling breeze. Colourful ceramic tiles in subtle ochre shades grace the floors. Depending on the wealth of the family the tiles were often imported from Europe. Furnishings were of Chinese origin with elaborate carvings. A further glimpse at this middle class life style of bygone days can be seen on nearby Krabi road and the small Soi Romanee. On the corner of Yaoworat and Dibuk roads is an example with Doric columns on the lower level and Corinthian styling on the upper level.

Phuket has over 150 Sino Portuguese buildings listed for preservation by the Fine Arts Department. Although this history has all but disappeared from the island, a walk in Old Phuket Town reflects the rich and diverse past of its multicultural heritage.

JIM THOMPSON

The Thai Silk Company



36 Jim Thompson

Canal Village คาแนลวิลเลจ

Tel: 076 270 957, Fax: 076 270 957

Le Meridien Phuket เลอเมอริเดียน ภูเก็ต

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J.W. Marriott Resort & Spa โรงแรมแมริออท

Tel: 076 348 300, Fax: 076 348 305

Blue Canyon Country Club

บลูแคนยอน คันทรี่ คลับ

Tel: 076 327 440, Fax: 076 327 449

Jim Thompson's vision enabled the art of traditional Thai silk-making to expand beyond its own geographical borders, but more impressively beyond the realm of existing habitual motifs and colours. Jim Thompson brought influence into Thai silk, turning traditionally functional fabrics into fashion fabrics, accessories and home décor items. Time-honoured heritage and innovation brought together and balanced in their own strengths of beauty and style.

37 Tatonka Restaurant & Bar

At Laguna Resort Entrance ทางเข้าลากูน่า

Tel: 076 324 349, 076 271 207, Fax: 076 324 349

Email: tatonka@e-mail.in.th

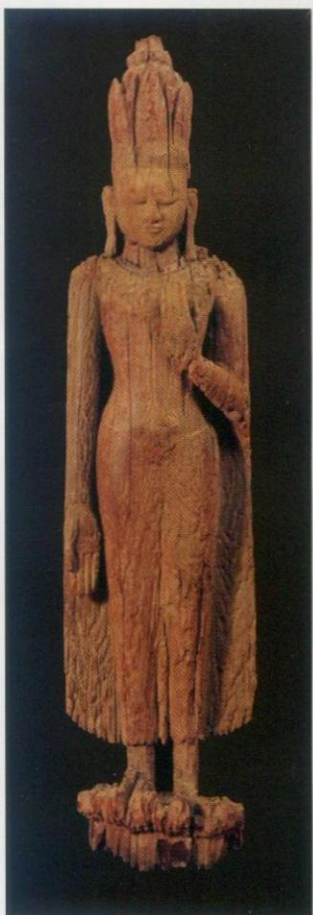
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Mr Harold



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38 The Palace of Art Gallery Shop

103/3 Moo 4 Banbangjoe, Thalang
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Email: shahe@thaiart.com

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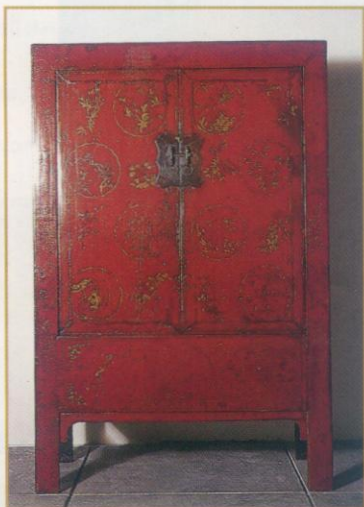
Shahe Donabedian, is the owner of this internationally renowned antique gallery. With extensive knowledge and experience in interior design and fine arts, he offers you the opportunity to acquire Southeast Asia's most beautiful historical art and décor objects, tastefully and unusually presented at this unique, vast Gallery shop that he designed and built. His international clientele includes architects and interior designers whom he supplies and ships worldwide.





39 Songtique

376/18 Srisoonton Rd.,
Tambon Cherng Talay,
อนนตรัฐนคร เชียงทะเล
Tel: 01 668 2555
Email: songtique@hotmail.com



Asian Buddha statues mix with a fine collection of vintage and antique furniture from China. The owner's personally selected the quality pieces. Worldwide shipping available.
If in Bangkok visit the Songtique showroom at River City room 444.

40 Nid Kiu

At Laguna Resort Entrance ทางเข้าลากูน่า
382/43 Soi Dusit Srisunthorn Road
Tel: 076 325 566
53/9 Vitat Rd, Karon ถนนวิทัศน
Aroona Karon, Shop B11-12
Tel: 076 396 262
Ms Tao

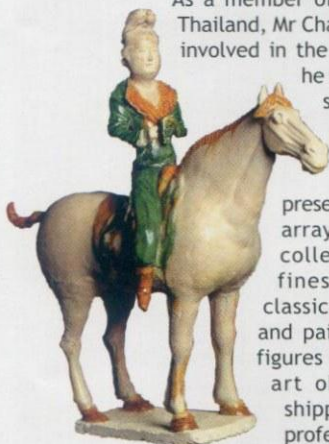
After years of experience in the retail business in Bangkok, Khun Tao recently opened two tasteful shops on Phuket Island. Featuring a colourful collection of men and women's clothing, scarves, cushions and accessories, the shops are a pleasure to browse through. Accessorize the comfortable cotton-knit clothing with the original costume jewelry, created by the owners. Complete your outfit with a wide selection of hand woven shawls, scarves and hats.



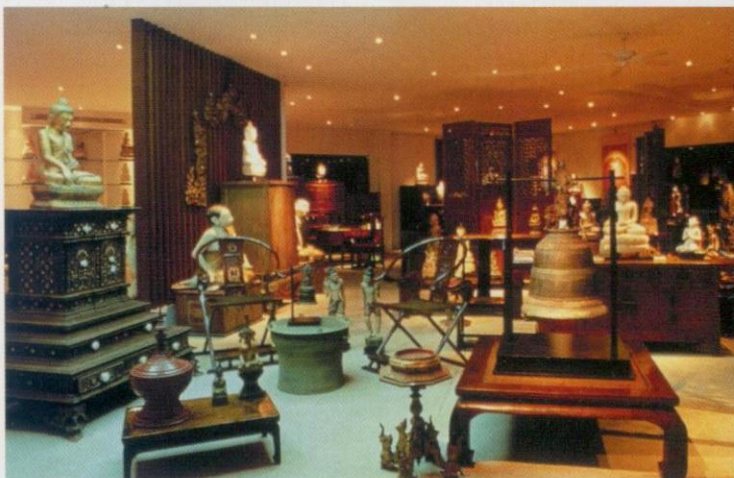
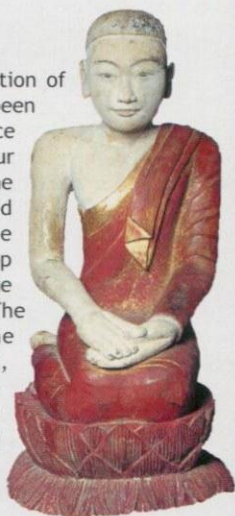


41 Heritage Collection

At Laguna Resort Entrance ทางเข้าลานาน้ำ
 Tel: 076 325 818, Fax: 076 325 594
 Email: heritage99@hotmail.com
 Mr Charoen



As a member of the Antique Association of Thailand, Mr Charoen the owner, has been involved in the antique business since he was a child. Having four shops in Bangkok at the River City complex and Oriental Place since 1988, his Phuket shop presents an additional unique array of treasures. The collection includes the finest Buddha images, classical Chinese furniture and paintings, terra cotta figures and refined Oriental art objects. Worldwide shipping is handled professionally and with the greatest of care.



Thai Cuisine

Rice Spoiled Fish Rotten

Food plays an important role in Thai idioms and proverbs whose intended meaning have nothing to do with eating.

khao buut plaa raaa 'rice spoiled fish rotten', a reference to a long-term marriage or relationship gone sour

khao mai plaa man 'new rice, moist fish', the honeymoon phase of a relationship

kin haew 'eat water chestnuts', to fail at something

kwaa thua ja suk ngaa kaw mai 'Before the peanuts are done, the sesame will burn', an admonition to do things in the proper order. This saying offers added poetry in the way all words in the first clause - 'before the peanuts are done' - are spoken in parallel low tones, while two out of the three of the tones in the second clause - 'the sesame will burn' - are falling tones

mai kin sen 'not eating noodles', when two people refuse to speak to one another due to a falling out

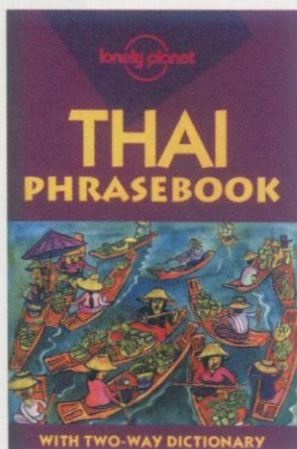
pak chii rohy naa 'coriander leaf sprinkled on top', performing a deed for appearances only

sen yai 'big noodle', important person

waan yen 'sweet cool' (a type of iced Thai dessert), easy-going

Excerpt from *Lonely Planet Thai Phrasebook* by Joe Cummings

With each issue of *Art & Culture - Phuket* you will find our *Culture of Thai Cuisine* section. Thoughtful tidbits by writer *Joe Cummings* and places to learn more about cooking Thai.



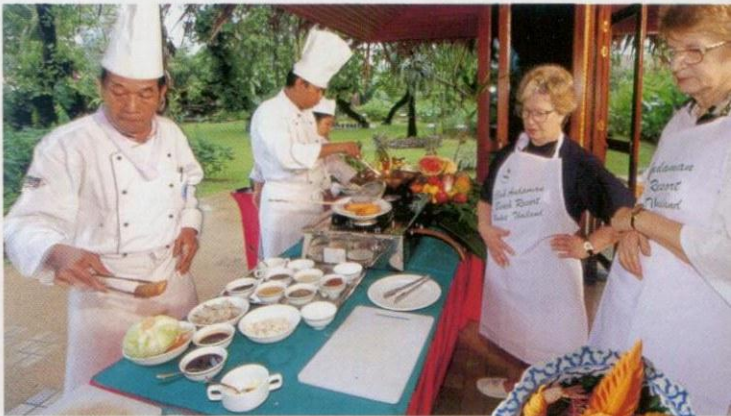
happy eating!
Joe Cummings

Lonely Planet's
Thai Phrasebook
by Joe Cummings

(43) Laguna Beach Resort

Bang Tao Bay, หาดบางเทา
Laguna Phuket ลาгуนาภูเก็ต
Tel: 076 324 352, Fax: 076 324 353
Email: info@lagunabeach-resort.com
www.lagunabeach-resort.com

Chef Theerati uses a vast range of market fresh produce, herbs and spices from Thailand. These products are combined in the traditional art of Thai cuisine creating his unique dishes. The classes every Monday and Friday in the Rim Talay Thai Restaurant encourage student participation. Guests receive Laguna Beach Resort's own Thai Cookbook, ensuring Thai cooking enjoyment that you can savour at your home. Find additional copies in the hotel shop. On Sundays, trips to the local, fresh market are arranged by the resort. Day passes to the resort's many activities are also available. Children are welcome.



(44) Club Andaman Beach Resort

2 Hadpatong Rd. หาดป่าตอง
Patong Beach
Tel: (076) 340 530, Fax: (076) 340 527
Email: rsvn@clubandaman.com
www.clubandaman.com

As a demonstration of this resort's commitment to the concept of 'self sufficiency', many of the ingredients grow on the hotel grounds. The Thai kitchen garden consists of herbs and plants that are well labelled for your viewing and use during the class. The Chef's speciality is Thai appetizers including delectable chicken satay, goong sarong, som tam malakor, spring rolls and much more.

(45) *Thavorn Beach Village*

6/2 Moo 6, Nakalay Bay, Patong อ่าวนาคาด ปัตตอง

Tel: 076 290 340-42, Fax: 076 340 384

Email: info@thavornbeachvillage.com



In an open-air sala, Old Siam, a secluded beach restaurant, a friendly female Chef encourages hands-on participation in her popular classes. Ms. Prapada starts you off in the morning with a visit to the fresh market. By the time the class ends early afternoon, you have mastered a variety of Thai cooking techniques. Enjoy the sea view while savouring the flavours over lunch.

(46) *Thavorn Palm Beach Resort*

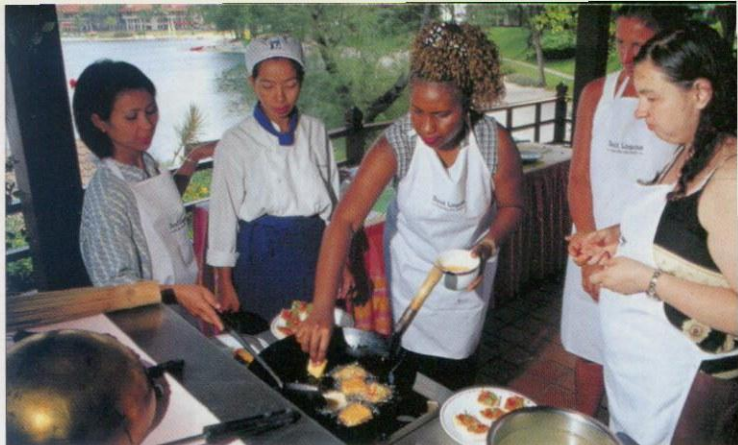
128/10 Moo 3, Karon Beach หาดกะรน

Tel: 076 396 090-3, Fax: 076 396 555

Email: info@thavornpalmbeach.com

Surrounded in traditional Thai atmosphere, enjoying the Karon beach views from the second floor terrace, you begin your lessons at Old Siam Restaurant. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the early evening classes are hand-on and include dinner. Chef Anongwan helps you explore the fascinating world of cooking Thai cuisine.





(47) Dusit Laguna Resort Hotel

Bang Tao Bay, หาดบางเทา
Laguna Phuket ลากูน่า ภูเก็ต
Tel: 076 324 324, Fax: 076 324 174
Email: ruen.thai@dusit.com

The basic essentials of many Thai dishes include the use of the mortar and pestle to blend the various curry pastes. Chef Prasit teaches you to use these tools and the steamer the Thai way. Cook the perfect crispy vegetables and lean meats in the wok every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Ruen Thai Restaurant. Surprise others with your experience. Many of the techniques can be applied to your own cooking at home, enhancing your culinary repertoire.

(48) Pat's Home Thai Cooking Classes

85 Rasada Rd. Phuket ถนนรัชฎา
Tel: 076 213 765, 01 397 5537, Fax: 076 223 847
Email: thaicookingclass@hotmail.com
www.phuket.com/thai-cooking/index.htm

For the past five years, Pat, a Thai national, has opened her gracious home to those wanting a cooking experience with a difference. The personalized course selection and hands-on learning in small groups, is taught at beginner to advanced levels. While sitting and dining together, Pat, who lived in California for 8 years, encourages queries about Thai life, cuisine and culture.





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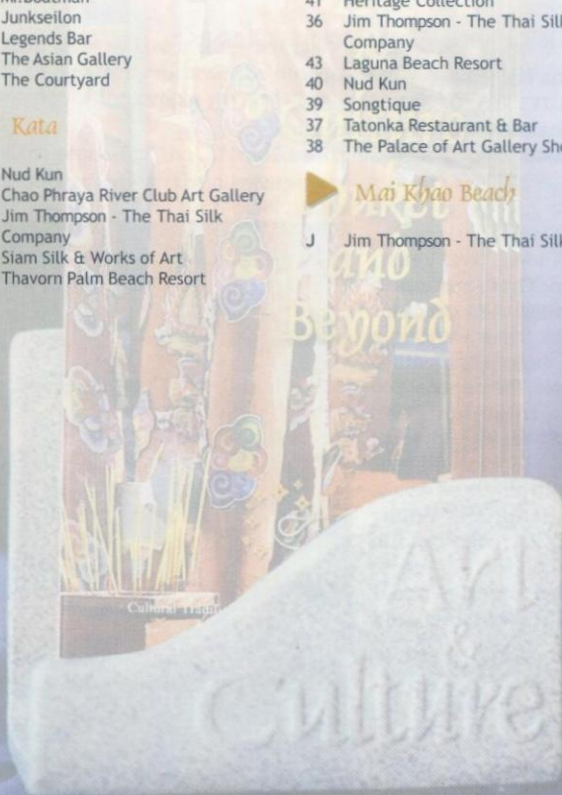
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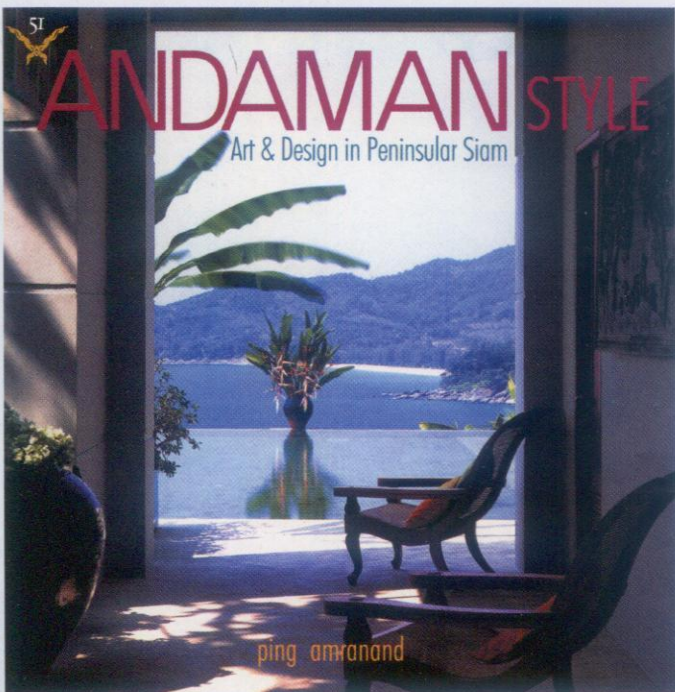
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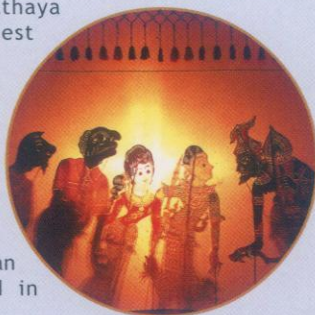
Crafts of Southern Thailand

The crafts of southern Thailand range from highly evolved disciplines - some would say art forms - to the production of simple objects made for everyday use. But a common thread that runs through them is that all are imbued with their own characteristics, a result of the region's unique cultural, geographical and environmental factors. For instance, the mat and basket weavers of the Peninsula utilize a great variety of plants, some of which flourish only in this region, such as the *lumchiek* (*Pandanus odoratissimus*), a speciality of Krabi mat weavers, and the celebrated *yan lipao* vine fern (*Lygodium flexuosum*). Moreover, being on the crossroads of culture and trade for two millennia, it is not surprising to find crafts in southern Thailand whose techniques or designs have been acquired from faraway lands. One such craft is niello, which is believed to have arrived from Persian (probably by way of India), although some experts claim it was introduced to Siam by the Portuguese during the Ayutthaya period since they were the earliest European traders in the kingdom.

Another factor that distinguishes many of the arts and crafts of southern Thailand is the close cultural ties the region shared with Malaysia and Indonesia long before the introduction of Islam to the area. One example is the art of shadow puppetry, which exists in a handful of Southeast Asian countries but is most celebrated in Malaysia, southern Thailand and Java.

Centuries of cultural evolution, influxes and exchange have lent character to the arts and crafts of southern Thailand.

Excerpts from *Andaman Style: Art & Design in Peninsular Siam* by Ping Amranand



Southern Delights

Pattani

Blessed with irresistible charms, Pattani's natural scenic beauty, rivers, beaches, waterfalls is second only to the splendid hospitality of its people.

Located on the eastern coast of the southern region adjoining the Gulf of Thailand, it is only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Haad Yai, and borders Yala, Narathiwat and Songkla provinces.

Among its potpourri of diverse cultures, the coexistence of Muslim, Thai and Chinese are the main ethnic groups. While the architecturally-interesting Central Mosque is the Islamic symbol of faith, Wat (temple) Rat Burana (Wat Chang Hai) represents the Buddhists. In addition, Leng Chu Kiang Shrine, the well-known Chinese temple in old China town is worth a visit.

As an alternative to renting a motorbike (prohibited by law in the metro area), look for the tricycle queue in front of the markets. This long preserved Pattani identity is much more than your normal 3 wheeled wonder. Attached to the trike's side is a roofless, rattan carriage of sorts. While providing a panoramic view of the city, ask your driver to take you to Charoen Pradit Street, commonly known as 'Thanon Sai Mo'. Located near the University of Songkhla Nakharin, trendy candle lit cafés await you.

Local markets provide a glimpse into the daily life of fishing and agriculture. Find locally made basketry using *yan lipao* fern, (*Lygodium flexuosum*) or the *kreung thom thong*, gold neilloware that are identified as southern culture. For viewing a very special collection, visit CS Pattani Hotel - the owner's priceless pieces fill two convention rooms. For a collection of a more obscure nature - ask to see the only bird's nests in Thailand that are located cave-like, in the hotels basement. Rich in nourishing substances, the Swallows' (*collocalia esculenta*) saliva is considered an exceptional delicacy for Asian people.

Flights from Phuket to Haad Yai provide easy access to these culturally exciting lands less travelled.



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